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Located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, **Calaveras County** is bordered by Tuolumne County on the south and Amador County on the north.

Calaveras County's population is expected to reach 62,700 by 2020. This represents an increase of 20,600 new residents.

The 1999 annual average civilian labor force for Calaveras County was 14,600 with an unemployment rate of 7.0 percent. For this period, the state had an annual average unemployment rate of 5.2 percent.

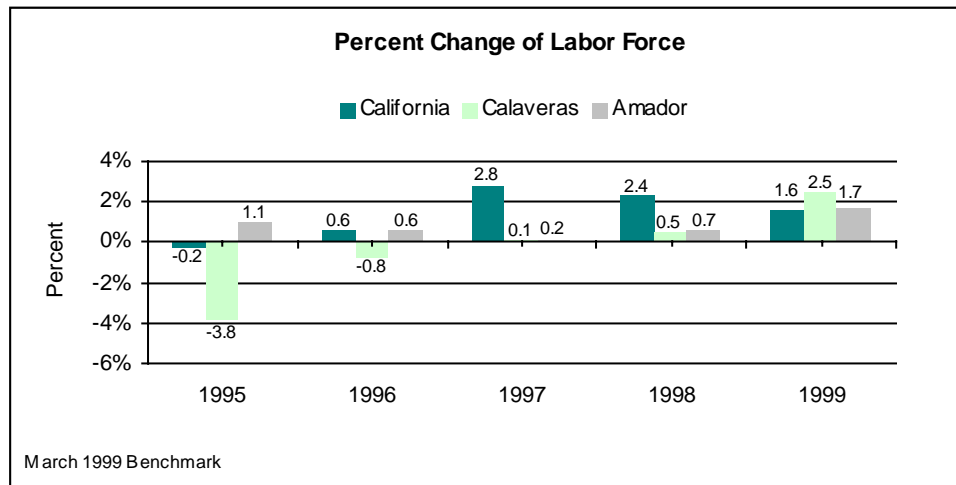
The government sector accounted for 29 percent of the employment in the county in 1999. Other significant industries providing employment were services with 23 percent and retail trade accounting for 19 percent.

The services sector is expected to be an important economic factor for Calaveras County because its seven year projected growth rate is 37 percent, or 600 jobs. Within the services sector, health services is projected to increase employment by over 70 percent. The government sector is expected to increase almost 23 percent, adding 550 jobs primarily concentrated in local government. Retail trade is projected to add 260 jobs, representing an increase of over 19 percent.

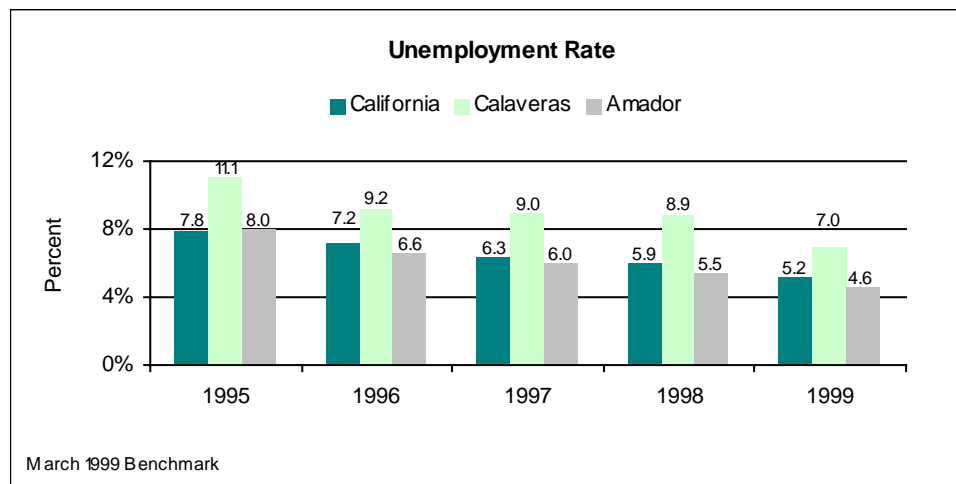
Over the last five years, labor market conditions have been steadily improving for Calaveras County. The county has recorded growth in the civilian labor force and nonfarm wage and salary employment and has experienced declining unemployment rates.

LABOR FORCE

Despite declines in 1995 and 1996, the cumulative growth for Calaveras County was 2.4 percent over the years 1995 to 1999. Growth in the county's civilian labor force began in 1997 accelerating to 2.5 percent in 1999. Cumulative growth for neighboring Amador County was 3.2 percent with a 1.7 percent increase in 1999.

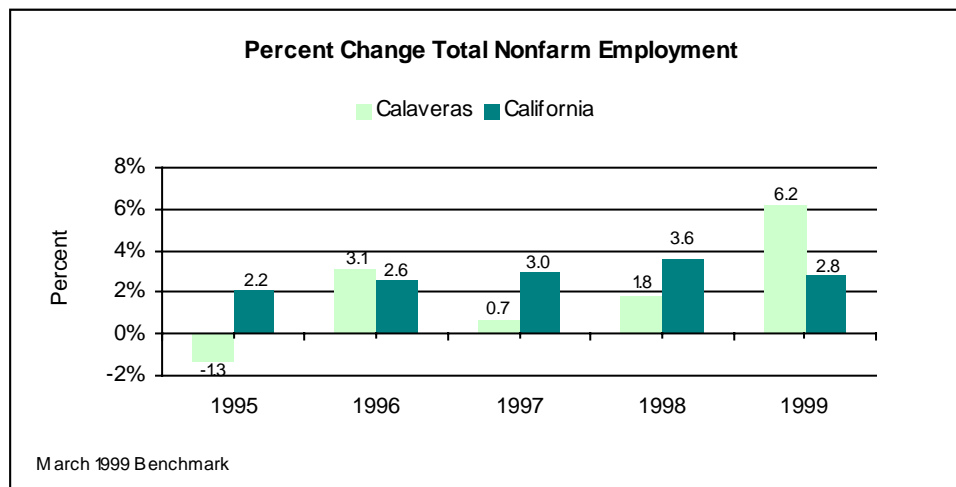


The annual average unemployment rates have declined for Calaveras County and neighboring Amador County as well as the state. For Calaveras County, the annual average unemployment rate dropped 4.1 percentage points from 11.1 percent in 1995 to 7.0 percent in 1999. Over this period, the annual average unemployment rate dropped 3.4 percentage points in Amador County.

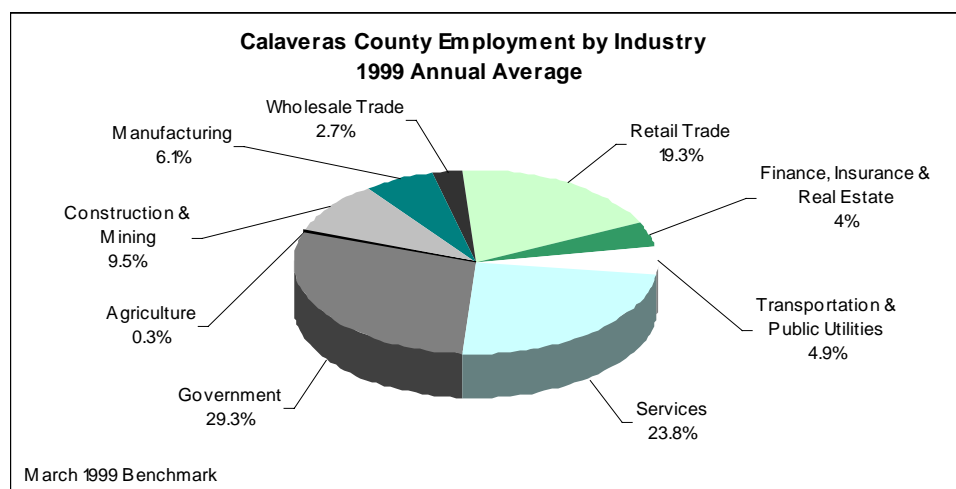


INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

Job growth creates opportunity and is considered to be one measure of economic health. In 1999, Calaveras County's nonfarm wage and salary employment increased by over 6 percent or 450 jobs. Most of the growth for this period was in the services and trade sectors. The state's rate of growth for the same period was 2.8 percent.



In 1999, Calaveras County's industry employment was dominated by the government, services and retail trade industries. Government accounted for over 29 percent of the employment in the county. For the 1997-2004 projection period, it is expected that these industries will continue to influence job growth in Calaveras County.



OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Demographic trends, shifts in demands for products or services, technological innovations and the way business is conducted are some of the variables that drive employment in an occupation up or down. Also, occupations which have large employment and have high turnover rates generally provide the most job openings. Calaveras County is projected to have many employment opportunities in these high turnover occupations. Occupational projections for Calaveras County are combined with Amador, Mariposa and Tuolumne counties and published as the Mother Lode Consortium projections.

Associated Occupations	SERVICES 1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 37.0%
	Instructors And Coaches, Sports And Physical Training – 150 job openings. Instruct or coach groups or individuals in the fundamentals of sports. Demonstrate techniques and methods of participation. Moderate-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$10.78
	Maids And Housekeeping Cleaners – 140 job openings. Perform any combination of tasks to maintain rooms in commercial establishments, such as hotels, restaurants and hospitals, in a clean and orderly fashion. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.00
	Registered Nurses – 120 job openings. Provide direct bedside care and assist physicians with examinations, chart the conditions of patients, give medication, and administer treatment as ordered by the doctor. May supervise auxiliary nursing personnel. Associate Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$19.52
	Amusement, Recreation Attendants – 110 job openings. Perform any of a variety of attending duties at amusement or recreation facility. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.43
	Waiters And Waitresses – 90 job openings. Serve food and drink to customers. Duties may include explanation about how the meal is prepared, wine recommendations or simple food preparation at the table. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$5.60
Associated Occupations	GOVERNMENT 1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 22.7%
	Correction Officers, Jailers – 200 job openings. Guard inmates in penal or rehabilitative institutions in accordance with established regulations and procedures. May guard prisoners in transit. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$20.99
	Police Patrol Officers – 50 job openings. Maintain order, enforce laws and ordinances, protect life and property in an assigned patrol district or beat. Patrol on foot or in a vehicle; investigate accidents; apprehend, arrest and process prisoners; and give evidence in court. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$25.11
	Recreation Workers – 20 job openings. Conduct recreation activities with groups in public, private, or volunteer agencies or recreation facilities. Bachelor's Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.90
	General Office Clerks – 20 job openings. Performs a wide variety of tasks. Clerical duties may be assigned in accordance with the office procedures of the individual establishments and may include a combination of bookkeeping, typing, stenography, office machine operation, and filing. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$9.03
	Postal Mail Carriers – 20 job openings. Sort mail for delivery. Deliver mail on established route by vehicle or on foot. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$15.57
Associated Occupations	RETAIL TRADE 1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 19.3%
	Cashiers – 290 job openings. Handle cash and credit payments, make change, give receipts, account for all payments, and perform related clerical duties. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.93
	Salespersons, Retail – 230 job openings. Get the customer interested by describing the merchandise and showing how it is used. May also order merchandise, stock shelves, mark price tags, take inventory and prepare displays. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.92
	First-Line Supervisor / Manager Sales – 60 job openings. Directly supervise and coordinate activities of marketing, sales, and related workers. May perform management functions, such as budgeting, accounting, marketing, and personnel work. Work Experience. Median Hourly Wage - \$10.81
	Food Preparation Workers – 60 job openings. Perform a variety of food preparation duties, such as preparing cold foods and maintaining and cleaning kitchen work areas, equipment, and utensils. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$5.92
	Combined Food Preparation And Service Workers – 60 job openings. Do both food preparation and food service. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$5.80

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